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Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following paragraph [0028B] after existing paragraph [0028A]:

[0028B] In general, the members forming a present invention truss assembly pivot in respective planes substantially coplanar with the portion of a vessel hull formed by the assembly. For example, in Figures 4A-4D, the members forming truss 38 rotate about truss joints 802. At each joint 802, the members connected to the joint rotate in a plane that is substantially planar with the surface formed by truss 38. This coplanar rotation also is shown in Figures 7A-7C. In particular, the members are shown rotating “beneath” respective plates 44, that is, in substantially the same planes as respective plates 44. Plates 44, in turn, substantially form the planar surface of embodiment 310.